GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF THE MINISTER TO DUBAI
RAMESH CHENNITHALA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the Civil Aviation Minister`s visit to Dubai at the time of the Plane hijacking and the concrete achievement brought about by the Minister in terms of resolving of hijack crisis by this visit: and

(b) the number of hostages killed by terrorists in the hijacked Indian Airlines Plane?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) Cost of relief flight operated by Indian Airlines to Dubai to bring back hijacked passengers released in UAE is Rs.42.00 lacs. The purpose of the Minister`s visit to Dubai was to facilitate early repatriation of the hostages released by the hijackers.

(b) One hostage was killed by the terrorists in the hijacked Indian Airlines plane.